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1. IN THE SAME SESSION AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY AT WHICH LIBERAL PREMIER GERALD REGAN DISCUSSED PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S RECENT REMARKS ABOUT ECONOMIC CONTROLS, THE PREMIER SAID NOVA SCOTIAHAD BEEN TREATED BETTER BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN NOVA SCOTIA THAN BY CANADIAN-OWNED INDUSTRIES LOCATING HERE.

2. WHILE STATING THAT HE WAS "A CANADIAN ECONOMIC NATIONALIST AT HEART", THE PREMIER SAID THAT "PRAGMATICALLY...THE HARD COLD FACTS" SHOWED THE PROVINCE'S EXPERIENCE WITH FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES HAD GRADUALLY CENTRALIZED" THEIR OPERATION IN CENTRAL CANADA.

3. THE PREMIER SAID THAT NATIONAL COMPANIES HAVE THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
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OVERCOME REGIONAL DISPARITY. HE POINTED TO THE UNITED

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STATES WHERE COMPANIES SPREAD VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THEIR OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WITH TODAY'S SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM SOME NATIONAL COMPANIES IN CANADA COULD FOR EXAMPLE LOCATE THE DATA PROCESSING PARTS OF THEIR BUSINESSES IN OUTLYING PARTS OF THE COUNTRY SUCH AS HALIFAX, VICTORIA, REGINA AND FREDERICTON.
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